

**HUNTINGTON BEACH  
OFFICE OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**TO:** Zoning Administrator  
**FROM:** Tess Nguyen, Associate Planner  
**DATE:** August 4, 2010

**SUBJECT:** **COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 2010-003/ CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 2010-006 (GOCHMAN RESIDENCE ADDITION)**

**LOCATION:** 16452 Sundancer Lane, 92649 (east side of Sundancer Lane, south of Escapade Circle-Trinidad Island)

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**Applicant:** Phil Nielsen, Architect, 6131 Anacapa Drive, Huntington Beach, CA 92647

**Property Owner:** Gary Gochman, 16452 Sundancer Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92649

**Request:** **CDP:** To permit a 1,151 sq. ft., 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> story addition with an overall building height of 35 ft. to an existing 2,825 sq. ft., two-story single-family residence. **CUP:** To permit (a) approximately 295 sq. ft. of 3<sup>rd</sup> floor habitable area and (b) an overall building height exceeding 30 ft.

**Environmental Status:** This request is covered by Categorical Exemption, Section 15301, Class 1, California Environmental Quality Act.

**Zone:** RL-CZ (Residential Low Density- Coastal Zone)

**General Plan:** RL – 7 (Residential Low Density 7 du/ac max.)

**Existing Use:** Single-family residence

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of the proposed project based upon the following findings:

**SUGGESTED FINDINGS FOR PROJECTS EXEMPT FROM CEQA:**

The Zoning Administrator finds that the project will not have any significant effect on the environment and is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines, because additions to existing structures are exempt provided that they are less than 50% of the floor area of the existing structures.

**SUGGESTED FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL - COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 2010-003:**

1. Coastal Development Permit No. 2010-003 to permit the construction of a 1,151 sq. ft., second and third story addition to an existing 2,825 sq. ft. two-story single-family residence at an overall building height of 35 ft. conforms with the General Plan, including the Local Coastal Program designation of Residential Low-Density. The proposed project is consistent with Coastal Element Policy C 1.1.1 to encourage new development to locate within, contiguous to or in close proximity to existing developed areas able to accommodate it. The proposed construction will occur on a developed site, contiguous to existing residential development.
2. The project is consistent with the requirements of the CZ Overlay District, the base zoning district, as well as other applicable provisions of the Municipal Code. The project complies with all applicable development regulations, including minimum setbacks on-site parking, and maximum building height and site coverage.
3. At the time of occupancy the proposed development can be provided with infrastructure in a manner that is consistent with the Local Coastal Program. The project will be constructed on a previously developed site in an urbanized area with all necessary services and infrastructure available, including water, sewer, and roads.
4. The development conforms with the public access and public recreation policies of Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act. The project will not impede public access, recreation, or views to coastal resources.

**SUGGESTED FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL - CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 2010-006**

1. Conditional Use Permit No. 2010-006 to permit (a) approximately 295 sq. ft. of third floor habitable area and (b) an overall building height of approximately 35 ft. will not be detrimental to the general welfare of persons working or residing in the vicinity or detrimental to the value of the property and improvements in the neighborhood. The third floor habitable area will be located within the confines of the second story roof volume and set back toward the center of the house further minimizing the appearance of bulk and mass. The third floor will be accessible only from the interior of the building. All windows within the third floor will face the harbor and the street thereby protecting direct views onto adjacent residences. The addition of the third floor habitable area will not impact noise and demand for parking above which already exist.
2. The conditional use permit will be compatible with surrounding uses because the third floor habitable area will be integrated into the design of the residence in order to resemble the two-story homes in the adjacent neighborhood. The third floor habitable area is integrated within the confines of the second story roof volume which is compatible to the mass and scale of surrounding homes. The overall building height will match the surrounding properties because the project is adjacent to existing two-story, single-family residences with similar building heights.
3. The conditional use permit will comply with the provisions of the base district and other applicable provisions in Titles 20-25 of the Huntington Beach Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance. The project complies with minimum onsite parking and building setbacks, and maximum lot coverage and building height. The third floor habitable area is allowed within the RL (Residential Low Density) zoning district with approval of a conditional use permit.

4. The granting of the conditional use permit will not adversely affect the General Plan. It is consistent with the Land Use Element designation of RL-7 (Residential Low Density—7 units per acre) on the subject property. In addition, it is consistent with the following objective, policy, and implementation program of the General Plan:

A. Land Use Element

Policy – 9.2.1: Require that all new residential development within existing residential neighborhoods be compatible with existing structures, including the:

- a. Use of building heights, grade elevations, orientation and bulk that are compatible with the surrounding development.
- b. Maintenance of privacy on abutting residences.

The proposed project complies with this General Plan policy because the design of the addition will convey the appearance of a two-story home in order to be compatible with existing developments in the neighborhood which are comprised of two-story residences. The addition will be constructed to comply with the maximum building height permitted in the RL zone and compatible with the height of surrounding homes. The project employs variations in form such as variable rooflines and building pop-outs, building details such decorative doors and windows, and building siting in order to create visual interest.

B. Coastal Element

Objectives – C 1.1: Ensure that adverse impacts associated with coastal zone development are mitigated or minimized to the greatest extent feasible.

Implementation Program – I-C 2: The principal method for implementing the Coastal Element is the HBZSO, and the design and development standards contained therein. Accordingly, projects that comply with HBZSO standards are consistent with the Coastal Element of the General Plan.

The project will comply with the goals and policies of the Coastal Element, the General Plan, and the standards of the HBZSO. No adverse impacts will occur as a result of the proposed development. The project will not impact public access, recreation, or views to coastal resources. The proposed construction will occur on a previously developed site, contiguous to existing residential development.

**SUGGESTED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL - COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 2010-003 /CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 2010-006:**

1. The site plan, floor plans, and elevations received and dated June 11, 2010 shall be the conceptually approved design with a modification to depict on the site plan one 36-inch box tree planted within the front setback area. **(HBZSO Section 232.08(B)(2))**
2. Prior to submittal of building permits, zoning entitlement conditions of approval and code requirements identified in separately transmitted memorandum from the Departments of Fire, Planning and Building, and Public Works dated July 6, 2010, shall be printed verbatim on one of the first three pages of all the working drawing sets used for issuance of building permits (architectural, structural, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing) and shall be referenced in the sheet index. The minimum font size utilized for printed text shall be 12 point.

3. During demolition, grading, site development, and/or construction, the following shall be adhered to:
  - a. Construction equipment shall be maintained in peak operating condition to reduce emissions.
  - b. Use low sulfur (0.5%) fuel by weight for construction equipment.
  - c. Truck idling shall be prohibited for periods longer than 10 minutes.
  - d. Attempt to phase and schedule activities to avoid high ozone days first stage smog alerts.
  - e. Discontinue operation during second stage smog alerts.
  - f. Ensure clearly visible signs are posted on the perimeter of the site identifying the name and phone number of a field supervisor to contact for information regarding the development and any construction/grading activity.
4. The structure(s) cannot be occupied and the final building permit(s) cannot be approved until the following has been completed:
  - a. All improvements must be completed in accordance with approved plans, except as provided for by conditions of approval.
  - b. Compliance with all conditions of approval specified herein shall be verified by the Planning and Building Department.
  - c. All building spoils, such as unusable lumber, wire, pipe, and other surplus or unusable material, shall be disposed of at an off-site facility equipped to handle them.
5. Incorporating sustainable or “green” building practices into the design of the proposed structures and associated site improvements is highly encouraged. Sustainable building practices may include (but are not limited to) those recommended by the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Program certification (<http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CategoryID=19>) or Build It Green’s Green Building Guidelines and Rating Systems (<http://www.builditgreen.org/green-building-guidelines-rating/>).

#### **INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS CONDITION:**

The owner of the property which is the subject of this project and the project applicant if different from the property owner, and each of their heirs, successors and assigns, shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Huntington Beach and its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action or proceedings, liability cost, including attorney’s fees and costs against the City or its agents, officers or employees, to attack, set aside, void or annul any approval of the City, including but not limited to any approval granted by the City Council, Planning Commission, or Design Review Board concerning this project. The City shall promptly notify the applicant of any claim, action or proceeding and should cooperate fully in the defense thereof.